In Gujarat, family court is not functioning.

(c) Lok Adalats which were heretofore voluntary efforts for resolution of disputes through persuasive and conciliatory methods have been accorded statutory base with the enforcement of the legal service Authorities Act, 1987 with effect from 9th November, 1995.

Personal Law

2730. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up various Commissions to examine the feasibility of extending personal laws to Goa;

(b) if so, the number of committees/commissions appointed for the same;

(c) the recommendations made by the aforesaid Committees/Commissions so far in this regard; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken to expedite the implementation of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (d). The information is not readily available. The same will be collected from the concerned Ministries/Departments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Uniform Civil Code

2731. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT BACHDA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to make uniform civil code for all the citizens of India in regard to marriage, heir etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Coal Linkage

2732. SHRI R.L. P. VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the total coal linkage in Metric Ton for coal briquatting units of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the quantum of coal delivered or supplied during last three years to these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Coal India Limited provides linkage to non-core sector consumers including briquetting units situated in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Such Linkage indicate the source of supply, mode of transport an quality of coal to be supplied to each consumer. Actual supplies are however made based on the annual sponsorships issued by the sponsoring authority, and subject to availability of coal in accordance with the guidelines issued from time to time.

(b) The quantum of coal released by the coal companies during the last three years to briquetting units of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar has been as follows:

Year	Quantum of coal released (In lakh tonnes)
1993	5.39
1994	4.16
1995	9.49

Decline in Export of Spices

2733. PROF. P.J. KURIEN :
SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's position in the world spices export market has declined considerably;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the total export earnings from each of the spices during each of the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the export of spices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) No, Sir. India's share in the world import of spices in quantity terms has increased from 27.41% in 1990-91 to 41.93% in 1995-96.

(b) the details of quantity and value of the spices exported during the last two years are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) Some of the steps taken for increasing the export of spices, *inter alia*, include :-

(i) Promotion of export of value added spices in the form of curry powder, spice oil and oleoresins, branded consumer packed spices, dehydrated green pepper etc.

(ii) Strengthening the market base in the existing markets and identifying new markets;

(iii) Providing assistance for promotion of specific brands by individual exporters in overseas markets;

(iv) Popularising logo as a mark of Indianness and quality of spices in consumer packs;

(v) Sponsoring sales-cum-study delegation, participation in selected international food fairs and organisaing buyer-seller meets;

(vi) Implementation of UNDP assisted project for upgrading the quality of spices promoting export of value added spices from India and generating income and employment opportunities in spice growing areas.

(vii) Providing financial assistance for setting up laboratory and accreditation of ISO 9000; setting up facilities for monitoring pesticide residues; and offering grant-in-aid for technology transfer and process upgradation to spices exporters for investment in Capital goods and adopting new technology;

(vii) Assisting Research and Development efforts for product development through Research Institutions/Agencies.

(ix) Providing project feasibility report for establishment of curry powder/ground spices manufacturing units.

STATEMENT

Item-wise export of spices from India

(Qty. in M.T. value in Rs. lakhs)

Item	1994-95		1995-96 (P)	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
1	2	3	4	5
Pepper	37,264	23664.19	26,346	19647.09
Cardamom (Small)	257	762.61	500	1239.55
Cardamon (Large)	1,293	812.74	1,784	1234.95
Chillies	20,096	5711.63	56,073	19414.78
Ginger	12,022	1673.03	18,191	3828.73
Turmeric	28,286	4517.96	27,376	4607.07
Coriander	10,702	1793.84	11,308	2200.36
Cumin	5,618	2449.65	3,895	1733.85
Celery	2,601	777.28	2,678	624.67
Fennel	2,029	581.56	2,602	755.59
Fenugreek	7,956	1224.97	15,135	1874.07
Other Seeds (1)	2,338	486.86	2,309	502.18
Garlic	633	122.87	3,776	490.03
Other Spices (2)	16,523	2954.61	23,136	3980.42
Curry Powder	4,135	1443.27	4,131	1698.25
Mint Oil	1,583	4356.78	1,242	4058.05
Spice Oils and Oleoresins	1,672	8676.68	1,715	10699.45
Grand Total	155,008	62010.53	202,197	78589.09
Value in Million US $		197.86		235.86

(P) Provisional

(1) Include Ajwanseed, Dill Seeds, Poppy Seed, Aniseeds etc.

(2) Include Tamarind, Asafoetida, Cinnamon, Cassia, Tejpat, Kokam, Saffron etc.

Source : DGCI & S., Calcutta/Shipping Bills/Exporters Returns

Foreign Investment Promotion Council

2734. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to set up an institution called 'Foreign Investment Promotion Council';

(b) if so, the composition thereof; and

(c) the terms and conditions under which the proposed Council is likely to function and the financial implications and the aims and objectives proposed to be achieved by this Council?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c). Government have decided to constitute a special Council which would be called the foreign Investment Promotion Council (FIPC). The Council would comprise of distinguished and well known experts who will catallyse, manage and coordinate investment promotion and marketing efforts. There will be a full time Chairman of the Council who will act as an Adviser to the Industry Minister. The Council will be assisted by a few professionals and officials with knowledge of business and the corporate world. The Council would function on professional lines and in close association with the apex Commerce & Industry Associations. Both the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) and Foreign Investment Promotion Council (FIPC) would interact with each other.

Quarters for the Workers of CIL

2735. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) total number of quarters constructed for the workers of coal mines in different subsidiaries of Coal India Limited under National Coal Wage Agreement IV and V;

(b) the amount spent on the same; and